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SUBJECT: ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION - OCTOBER 15 MEETING

REF: A) STATE 206494 B) STATE 205155 C) STATE 223704

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1. ACTING CHIEF HOLDRIDGE AND ANDERSON MET WITH HSIAO
TEH OCTOBER 15 AT WHICH TIME HOLDRIDGE COVERED FOLLOWING
POINTS:

A) U.S. DRAFT LETTER - TEXT OF DRAFT CORRECTED AS
INSTRUCTED PARA 2, REF A WAS PRESENTED.

B) TRANSLATIONS PROBLEMS - POINTS CONTAINED PARA 3,
REF A WERE MADE AND CORRECT ENGLISH VERSIONS WERE GIVEN
TO HSIAO TEH.

C) DIPLOMATIC NOTE - TEXT OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINED
PARAS 5 - 11, REF A WAS PRESENTED.

D) PRESS RELEASE - TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE CONTAINED
REF B WAS PRESENTED.

E) DRAWING ON REF C AND PEKING'S 1626, HOLDRIDGE
EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION ON FORCE MAJEURE QUESTION,
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INDICATING THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT TEXT AS IS.

F) BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS REF D, HOLDRIDGE ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE PRC CONSIDERATION FOR ADDITION OF SAN FRANCISCO.

2. HSIAO TEH EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED AND THE U.S. REPLIES. ON QUESTION OF TRANSLATION PROBLEMS, HE SAID THESE WOULD BE STUDIED IMMEDIATELY, AND AN ANSWER WOULD BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TURNING TO FORCE MAJEURE QUESTION, HSIAO REITERATED THAT CHINESE INTENT WAS TO TREAT EVERY COUNTRY IN A SIMILAR MANNER. HE POINTED OUT THAT AGREEMENTS HAVE ALL FOLLOWED SIMILAR PATTERN, NOT ONLY IN CASE OF EXHIBITION NOW IN CANADA, BUT ALSO IN CASE OF EXHIBITION WHICH ORIGINALLY WENT TO JAPAN. CHINESE INTENT, HE SAID, WAS TO LIMIT FORCE MAJEURE PROVISIONS TO THE THREE CASES CITED IN THE AGREEMENTS. HE EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD CAUSE THESE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT TO COME INTO EFFECT.

3. ON QUESTION OF DIPLOMATIC NOTE, HE SAID CHINESE SIDE WOULD STUDY IT AND GIVE ITS REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HSIAO SAID THAT IN CASE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, CHINESE SIDE HAS NOT ISSUED PRESS RELEASE IN CONNECTION WITH SIGNING OF AGREEMENT BUT OTHER PARTY NORMALLY DOES. HE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO EXAMINE U.S. DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR ERRORS, ETC., BUT CONTENT WAS FOR U.S. SIDE TO DECIDE.

4. RESPONDING TO OUR INQUIRY REGARDING POSSIBLE CHINESE WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER SAN FRANCISCO AS POSSIBLE THIRD CITY, HSIAO NOTED THAT CHINESE POSITION ON THIS QUESTION HAD BEEN MADE CLEAR MANY TIMES. TWO CITIES HAD BEEN PROPOSED, AND OPTION OF WHICH TWO LEFT UP TO U.S. SIDE. WASHINGTON AND KANSAS CITY HAD BEEN SELECTED, AND THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN CHINESE POSITION REGARDING ADDITION OF A THIRD CITY.

5. HSIAO SAID THERE WAS STILL SOME PREPARATION WORK TO BE DONE PRIOR TO THE SIGNING. FINAL COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE TWO TEXTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE, AND PROCEDURAL TASKS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED. HE SAID HE DOUBTED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO COMPLETE THIS WORK BY THE END OF THE WEEK AND PROPOSED NEXT WEEK, SOMETIME BEFORE OCTOBER 25 FOR THE EXCHANGE OF DOCUMENTS. WE THEREFORE INDICATED THAT AMBASSADOR BUSH WOULD SIGN FOR U.S. SIDE. HSIAO SAID THAT WANG YEH-CHIU WOULD SIGN THE PROTOCOL FOR THE SPONSORING ORGANIZATION IF HE IS IN PEKING AT THAT TIME.

6. HSIAO THEN REVIEWED THE "ORAL AGREEMENTS" WHICH HE HAD DISCUSSED DURING OUR APRIL 17 MEETING (PEKING 0645). BRIEFLY THEY ARE,

A) U.S. SIDE AGREES TO TRANSPORT EXHIBITION FROM CANAJA TO WASHINGTON AND FROM KANSAS CITY TO PEKING IN TWO LARGE (I.E., 707 SIZE) AIRCRAFT.

B) AFTER ENTRY INTO U.S. TERRITORY AND UNTIL EXHIBITION LEAVES U.S., ALL SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN ADVANCE TO PRCLO. (HSIAO SAID HE SATISFIED THIS REQUIREMENT ALREADY MET.)

C) PUBLICITY MATERIALS SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO PRCLO FOR EXAMINATION. HSIAO CAREFULLY POINTED OUT THAT WHILE PRC SIDE WANTED TO EXAMINE IN ADVANCE AND MIGHT MAKE SUGGESTIONS, IT DID NOT ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR GIVING APPROVAL.

D) U.S. SIDE SHOULD REIMBURSE CHINESE SIDE FOR EXPENSES, EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE, IN CONNECTION WITH MATERIALS PROVIDED FOR PUBLICITY. HSIAO SAID THIS WAS STANDARD WITH ALL COUNTRIES AND COSTS INVOLVED WERE NOT GREAT.

E) CHINESE EXHIBIT IS ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHINESE SOCIETY. U.S. SIDE AGREES NOT TO CHANGE SEQUENCE OF EXHIBITS, BUT IF FOR TECHNICAL REASONS SUCH AS SPACE AVAILABILITY MINOR CHANGES ARE NECESSARY, THESE CAN BE MADE WITH CONCURRENCE OF ACCOMPANYING CHINESE PERSONNEL.

F) TELEVISION PHOTOS OR COLOR SLIDES ALONG WITH ANY EXPLANATORY TEXTUAL MATERIALS SHOULD BE APPROVED IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVANCE BY CHINESE SIDE, E.G. ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL OR PRCLO.

G) CHINESE SIDE NORMALLY EXPECTS EXHIBIT TO BE PACKED AND READY FOR SHIPMENT EIGHT DAYS AFTER CLOSING OF EXHIBITION. HOWEVER, SINCE THIS IS FINAL STOP BEFORE RETURNING TO PEKING, ONE OR TWO MORE DAYS IS ACCEPTABLE. IN PRINCIPLE, CHINESE WOULD LIKE EXHIBIT READY FOR RETURN IN TEN DAYS OR LESS.

H) CHINESE SIDE WOULD LIKE THREE HUNDRED COPIES OF ALL MAJOR PUBLICITY MATERIALS.

7. HSIAO REITERATED THAT THESE ORAL AGREEMENTS ARE THE SAME AS AGREED UPON BY ALL OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES RECEIVING THE EXHIBITION.

8. IN CONCLUSION, HSIAO SAID THAT THE NEGOTIATION PHASE
WOULD SOON BE ENDED AND THAT FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE
ABOUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. IN ORDER TO
SPEED UP THE PROCESS OF RESOLVING PROBLEMS AS THEY ARISE,
IT WAS CHINESE VIEW THAT MAJOR DISCUSSIONS SHOULD HENCEFORTH
BE HELD IN WASHINGTON. HSIAO SAID MFA WOULD NOTIFY
HRCLO TO THAT EFFECT IN NEAR FUTURE.
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